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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: CLERIDES LEAVES FOR ATHENS TALKS IN HOPEFUL MOOD

1. ON LEAVING FOR TWO- THREE DAYS TALKS WITH GREEK GOVT ON INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS, GREEK CYPRIOT INTERLOCUTOR GLAFOS CLERIDES TOLD PRESS MAY 23 THAT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED SINCE BREAK- DOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS IN 1971. WHILE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES REMAINED, HE THOT THAT WITHIN THREE MONTHS IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FORECAST PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING AGREEMENT.

2. CLERIDES SAID PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO BRIEF GREEK GOVT IN DETAIL ON TOPICS UNDER DISCUSSION IN NEGOTIATIONS. BRIEFING WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUT WOULD COVER ALL CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. CLERIDES SAID HE WAS TAKING WITH HIM LENGTHY DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION, WHICH HE HAD
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DISCUSSED WITH MAKARIOS PREVIOUS DAY.

3. ASKED WHETHER CYPRUS INTERNAL SITUATION WOULD BE
DISCUSSED, CLERIDES REPLIED THAT IF IT WERE, IT WOULD BE
FROM STANDPOINT OF ASSESSING " EFFECTS OF ANOMALY"
(PRESUMABLY GRIVAS' CONTINUED PRESENCE AND BISHOPS' DEFIANCE)
ON LOCAL TALKS

4. ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, CLERIDES TOOK OCCASION OF
INTERVIEW TO CLOSE SUBJECT OF ATTORNEY- GENERAL' S TENDERED
RESIGNATION FOLLOWING CLERIDES' ALLEGATION THAT HE WAS HOLDING
POST UNCONSTITUTIONALLY (NOT REPORTED TO INFO ADDRESSEES).
CLERIDES SAID THAT, WHATEVER HIS OWN VIEWS OF MATTER, HE
ACCEPTED SUPREME COURT ' S RULING THAT TORNARITIS HOLDS HIS
POSITION LAWFULLY.
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